Cementing of road under rural development programme

436. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stretch of road between Mohan to Chauri Ghatti via Harara and Ghatti to BASOT in Almora district of Uttar Pradesh has not been cemented for the last twenty years;

(b) if so, whether Government have earmarked any scheme under Rural Development Programme for cementing the said road; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) An identical question was replied on 3.6.1997 by the Ministry based on the information received from State Government of Uttar Pradesh, in which it was informed that the road had not been cemented. To know the exact position on date, the information is being sought from the State Government.

(b) This Ministry has not earmarked any scheme under Rural Development Programme for cementing of the above road, since it is the responsibility of the State Government.

(c) Does not arise.

Unemployed rural women in Himachal Pradesh

437. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unemployed and partly employed women in rural areas in Himachal Pradesh as on 1st January, 1998;

(b) the details of measures taken to provide gainful employment to women and percentage of women who benefited from these measures;

(c) whether Government have evolved any mechanism to measure rural women's unpaid contribution to economy; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABAGOUDA PATIL): (a) The number of unemployed women in rural areas in Himachal Pradesh as on 1st January, 1998 is not available since the latest survey of National Statistical Sample Organisation (NSSO) on employment and unemployment is available for the year 1993-94.

As per the latest two estimates available from 43rd and 50th rounds of NSSC conducted in 1987-88 and 1993-94, the unemployment rate as per usual principal status among women in rural areas or Himachal Pradesh is 0.92 and 0.62 respectively. Rural employment among women increased from 796000 to 842000 between the years 1987-88 and 1993-94.

(b) The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment are implemening a number of programmes to provide gainful employment to the rural poor including women. The important programmes of this Ministry designed to provide wage employment and self-employment to the rural poor including the rural women, as well as the coverage under these programmes for 1996-97 and 1997-98 are given in the Statement. (*see* below)

(c) and (d) This Ministry does not monitor rural women's unpaid contribution to the economy. The National Accounts are also not compiled by gender.